(b) the total valuation for purposes of court fees in all these suits?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) and (b). Please see the statement appended. *(Appendix II).*

Windfallen and uprooted trees—Reserved Forests—disposal of—particulars regarding.

149. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether they used to put to public auction the windfallen and uprooted trees in the reserved forests of the State;

2. if so, what is the amount of sale proceeds derived during the years 1109, 1110 and 1111;

3. when was this practice stopped and why;

4. if the practice is already stopped will not such trees be burned away by jungle fire?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—

1. Windfallen and uprooted trees found in the Reserved Forests were and are being disposed of under the seigniorage system or under the system of departmental collection and sale, according to the merits of each case. In adopting either system, the method that is found to be best suited for the occasion, such as public auction, tenders, private negotiations, etc., is resorted to.

2. The information is not readily available from the accounts and registers prescribed for the Department and has therefore to be picked up from numerous closed files. The time and labour involved in the work will not be justified by the value of the information collected.

3. There has been no discontinuance of the practice except for the fact that of late years, in accordance with the present policy of the Government, sales under the seigniorage system are being discouraged and the system of departmental collection and sale substituted wherever possible as the latter system has been found to be decidedly more advantageous to the Government in every respect.

4. No reply is called for in view of answer to 3 above.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—May I know what this seigniorage system is?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—It is a method by which persons are allowed to collect timber and sell them.

Tariff rates—logs of wood sold by Government.

150. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is any tariff rate for the logs of wood sold by the Government;

(2) if so, what the rate is for the different varieties;

(3) whether the sale of logs of wood in public auction or at tariff rate is more advantageous to the Government?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—

(1) Yes.

(2) Copy enclosed. *(Appendix III).*

(3) Sales at tariff rates if they could be effected, have generally been found to be more advantageous than sales at public auctions, with rare exceptions as in the case of rosewood of shipment quality.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ *(Nemmara).*—ഫ്ലാ-ലും ഫ്ലാ-ലും നെന്മാറയിൽ മരം ലേലം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests).*—വളരെ അധികം തവണകളിൽ ലേലം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. ക്ലിപ്തമായിട്ട പറയാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ *(Nemmara).*— കൊഴ മരം ലേലം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ *(Nemmara).*— ഏങ്ങി നെയാണ ലേലം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ *(Conservator of Forests).*—ഓ രോത്തമായി ലേലംചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Quarrying of rocks—Planters of the Nelliampathies.

151. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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